

(CBC) the projects were appraised and loans were disbursed by the KVIC, which is not a financial institution. This also resulted in slow progress of employment generation schemes.

Loans for working capital

1201. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether loans for working capital amounting to Rs.272.27 crores instead of term or composite loans, as envisaged by CBC scheme, were granted by KVIC ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) The Khadi and village Industries Commission (KVIC) has disbursed an amount of Rs.291.50 crores (Rs.264.37 crores for Khadi and Rs.27.13 crores for polyvastra) to Khadi and Ployvastra Programme as term loans.

(b) The line of Credit of Rs.1000 crores from a Consortium of Banks was provided to the KVIC for term loan for generating additional employment under the KVI sector. The requirement of Khadi/Polyvastra units, however, was that of working capital, as those units required very little fixed capital. Khadi/Ployvastra institutions, therefore, are treating Consortium of Bank Credit (CBC) loan as working capital loans.

Promotion of coir products

1202. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that marketing and sales of coir products in the country still require acceleration;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to augment promotion of marketing and sales of coir products in the domestic market;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to establish raw-material banks in the country to offer raw material; and

(d) the approximate number of people engaged in this industry?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) : (a) Yes, Sir.